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Application of: John MCCULLOUGH *et al.*

Application No.: 09/722,471

Group Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: R. COOK

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR AIDING IN SMOKING
CESSATION AND TREATING PAIN
AND OTHER DISORDERS USING
OPTICALLY PURE (-)-BUPROPION

Attorney Docket No.: 4821-406

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. For the Examiner's convenience, patents are listed by patent number.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), a list of one-hundred forty (140) references (AA-FJ) is submitted on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The citation of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that such references are necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited references represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.104(a) and 1.106(b).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the cited references and make them of record in the file history of the present application. Return of an initialed copy of the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449, indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references listed thereon, is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the fee for this submission is \$180.00, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), since this submission is being filed after mailing of the first office action, but before a final office action. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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